



Arkansas Cattle, Goat, and Sheep

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This report contains the results from the **January Cattle and January Sheep and Goat reports**. These data are also posted on our web site at <https://www.nass.usda.gov/ar> and in a more detailed report at <https://www.nass.usda.gov>. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Arkansas January 1 All Cattle Inventory Up 2 Percent

All cattle and calves in Arkansas as of January 1, 2021, totaled 1.77 million head, were up 2 percent from January 1, 2020. The calf crop for the full year of 2020 was 780,000 head, unchanged from last year. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 930,000 head, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2020; beef cows, at 925,000 head, were up 1 percent; and milk cows, at 5,000 head, were unchanged from 2020. All heifers weighing 500 pounds and over were up 5 percent at 235,000 head. Steers were up 4 percent at 120,000 head; bulls were down 3 percent at 60,000 head; and calves weighing less than 500 pounds were up 4 percent at 425,000 head.

Meat and other goat inventory in Arkansas, on January 1, 2021, totaled 31,000 head, unchanged from the previous year. The January 1, 2021, Arkansas milk goat inventory totaled 4,000 head, unchanged from 2020.

Cattle Inventory by Class and Calf Crop - Arkansas and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Class	Arkansas			United States		
	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All cattle and calves .....	1,730.0	1,770.0	102	93,793.3	93,594.5	100
All cows and heifers that have calved .....	920.0	930.0	101	40,681.3	40,598.0	100
Beef cows .....	915.0	925.0	101	31,338.7	31,157.6	99
Milk cows .....	5.0	5.0	100	9,342.6	9,440.4	101
All heifers 500 pounds and over .....	223.0	235.0	105	20,024.4	20,000.1	100
Beef replacement heifers .....	150.0	158.0	105	5,808.9	5,812.1	100
Milk replacement heifers .....	3.0	3.0	100	4,684.0	4,604.5	98
Other heifers .....	70.0	74.0	106	9,531.5	9,583.5	101
Steers 500 pounds and over .....	115.0	120.0	104	16,541.2	16,597.8	100
Bulls 500 pounds and over .....	62.0	60.0	97	2,237.4	2,210.5	99
Calves under 500 pounds .....	410.0	425.0	104	14,309.0	14,188.1	99
All cattle on feed <sup>1</sup> .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	14,657.7	14,707.4	100
	2019	2020	Percent of previous year	2019	2020	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
Calf crop during year .....	780.0	780.0	100	35,591.6	35,135.5	99

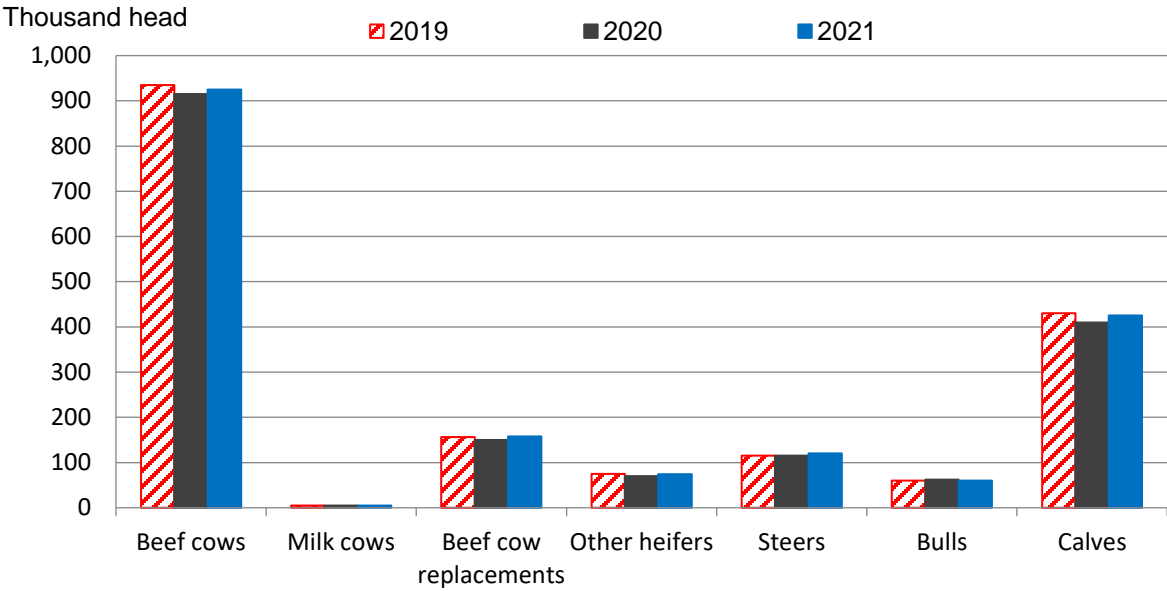
(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
(X) Not applicable.  
<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are steers and heifers being fed a ration of grain, silage, hay, and/or protein supplement for slaughter market that are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. Cattle and calves on feed are included in the cattle inventory estimates by class.

Goats and Sheep Inventory - Arkansas and United States: January 1, 2020 and 2021

Animal and class	Arkansas			United States		
	2020	2021	Percent of previous year	2020	2021	Percent of previous year
	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)	(1,000 head)	(1,000 head)	(percent)
All goats .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	2,655.0	2,582.0	97
Angora goats .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	130.0	117.0	90
Meat and other goats .....	31.0	31.0	100	2,090.0	2,045.0	98
Milk goats .....	4.0	4.0	100	435.0	420.0	97
Sheep .....	(D)	(D)	(X)	5,200.0	5,170.0	99

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.  
(X) Not applicable.

Cattle Inventory by Class - Arkansas: January 1, 2019 - 2021



Cattle Inventory - Arkansas and United States: January 1, 2011 - 2021

